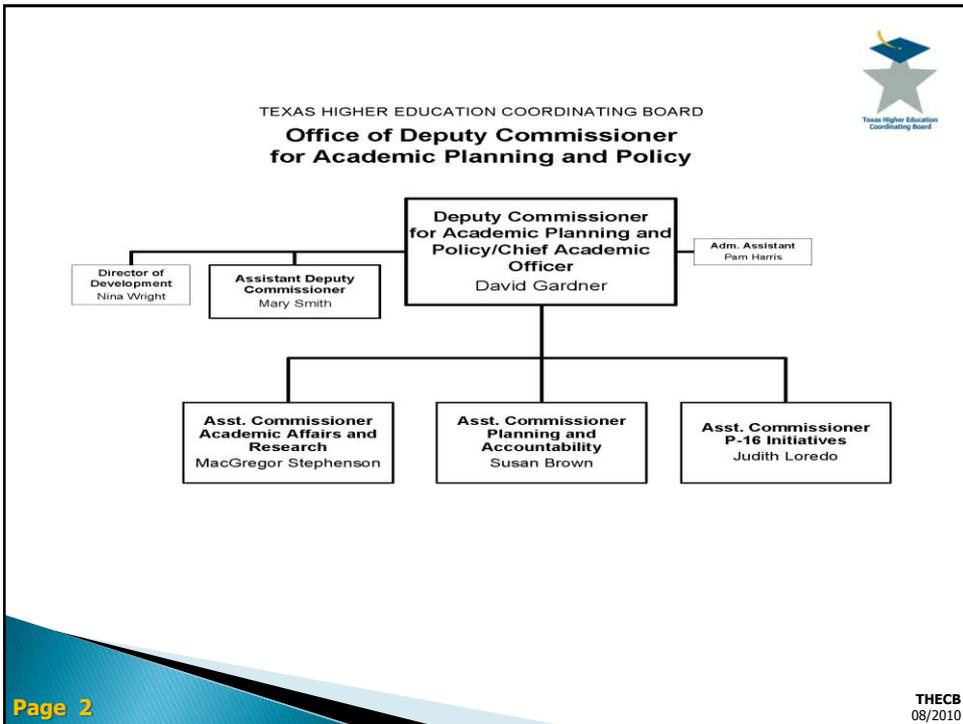




Structure and Operation of the Coordinating Board – Academic Planning and Policy

Presentation for Joint Hearing of
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Reorganization in Order to Reach *Closing the Gaps* Goals



- **THECB went through a reorganization about four years ago with the explicit purpose of reaching the *Closing the Gaps* goals.**
 - ✓ Created new divisions to increase efficiency and standardization
 - ✓ Hired key staff with experience in the public school sector
 - ✓ Hired key staff for programming evaluation

Academic Affairs and Research Overview of Responsibilities



Academic Programs

- Promotes and monitors academic integrity of public institutions.
- Reviews degree programs.
- Provides continual assessment of academic programs and statewide policies.

Professional Programs

- Provides oversight of programs that traditionally lead to the practice of an occupation or profession.
- Assesses institutional effectiveness of community and technical colleges workforce education programs.

Research and Grant Programs

- Provides oversight of competitive scientific research, workforce and medical education programs at public and independent colleges.
- Collects, maintains and publishes university and health-related institution data.
- Evaluates special item-funded research programs at Texas higher education institutions.
- Reviews institutional restricted research projects.
- Prepares annual research expenditures reporting for general academic and health-related institutions.
- Administers tobacco settlement funds.

Federal Programs

- Administers and monitors Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education programs to post-secondary institutions.

Academic Affairs and Research

Key Programs



- **Improving the transfer process**
 - ✓ Statewide Mechanical Engineering Compact
 - ✓ Replicate the process of developing mechanical engineering transfer agreements across 16 other disciplines in critical fields
- **Improving opportunities for student success**
 - ✓ Reverse Transfer
 - ✓ Adult Degree Completion Program
- **Improving educator instruction**
 - ✓ Texas Professional Development Modules
- **Working to ensure development of programs that meet higher education needs**
 - ✓ Doctoral Program Review
- **Working to ensure funding for research and programs on public health issues**
 - ✓ Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program (MHGP)

Planning and Accountability

Overview of Responsibilities



Education Data Center

- Ensures accurate and timely institutionally reported data is available to the agency for purposes of higher education analysis and reporting.

Educational Data Analysis Support Center

- Supports the Information Access Initiative Project.
- Coordinates, provides data to, and confirms results from TPEIR Initiative.
- Manages data, evaluates programs, and researches policy for the Education Research Centers created by the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, HB 1.

Planning

- Responsible for the continued development of the accountability system, the agency's strategic plan, and the Board's planning efforts, including *Closing the Gaps by 2015*.
- Reviews and recommends changes to the formula for allocating legislative funding to higher education.
- Conducts facilities review for higher education institutions.

Planning and Accountability

Key Programs



- **Making data more relevant to users**
 - ✓ Accountability System
 - ✓ Data Website Redesign
- **Making data more accessible**
 - ✓ Institutional Online Resumes
- **Providing annual updates on Texas' progress on *Closing the Gaps by 2015***
 - ✓ Closing the Gaps Progress Reports
- **Analyzing the resources and the capacity needed to meet *Closing the Gaps* and higher education needs**
 - ✓ Development of Formula Funding recommendations
 - ✓ Facilities review
 - ✓ Utilization to Space Usage Efficiency Report

P-16 Initiatives

Overview of Responsibilities



College Readiness

- Coordinates and strengthens academic programming between public and higher education.
- Develops and implements projects related to college readiness standards.

Educator Quality

- Strengthens and supports research-based practices that lead to improvement of educator preparation programs.
- Oversees various federal and state funded grants aimed at improving the preparation and quality of our Texas educator workforce.

P-16 Outreach

- Coordinates and supports outreach efforts between and among educational entities, community organizations, and businesses at the regional and local levels to promote a college-going culture.
- Provides assistance to P-16 Regional Councils and other polices and programs designed to address the needs of economically disadvantaged or at-risk students.

P-16 Initiatives Key Programs



- **Working to ensure successful transition between high school and postsecondary education**
 - ✓ College and Career Readiness Standards
 - ✓ Higher Education Bridging Programs
 - ✓ AVID Texas Postsecondary Project
 - ✓ Texas College Advising Corps
- **Working to ensure that Texas students are prepared academically to succeed in higher education**
 - ✓ Developmental Education Reform
 - ✓ Texas Success Initiative
- **Working to create a college-going culture**
 - ✓ P-16 Regional Councils
 - ✓ College Access Challenge Grant
 - ✓ GenTX Campaign
 - ✓ African American Male Mentorship Program
- **Supporting improvements in educator preparation**
 - ✓ Math, Science, and Technology (MST) Teacher Academies
 - ✓ Centers for Teacher Education Programs (CTEP)
 - ✓ Texas Educator Preparation Demonstration Sites

Development Office provides support in seeking additional resources across divisions



- **Academic Affairs and Research**
 - ✓ \$1.2 million grant over 4 years from Lumina Foundation for Education for statewide voluntary articulation agreements
 - ✓ Seeking match for College Access Challenge Grant funding Adult Degree Completion Program
- **Planning & Accountability**
 - ✓ \$1 million over 2 years from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for improvement in data-driven decision making and support for the Education Research Center's state-level staff
 - ✓ Data Fellows Program for community college and school district staff training on available postsecondary data
- **P-16 Initiatives**
 - ✓ \$1.2 million over 2 years from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for college access centers
 - ✓ Seeking match for College Access Challenge Grant funding for GenTX and other outreach
 - ✓ Efforts underway to find additional private funding for developmental education projects to overcome impact of budget cuts

Advisory Committees on Policy and Program Development



- **THECB convenes committees to advise the Board on policy and program development for education programs and practices.**
- **Committees are composed of members of higher education, public education, and community and industry.**
- **Examples:**
 - ✓ Formula Funding Advisory Committee
 - ✓ Undergraduate Advisory Committee
 - ✓ Advisory Committee on Higher Education Cost Efficiencies
 - ✓ Advisory Committee on Research Programs